

**MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 31, 2012**

**2:00 p.m. in Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Bob Logan, Ben Petrone, Douglas Tucker, and Steve Vieira

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Tara Musselman, Joanne Vernon, and Sandy Wright

**Absent:** George Kearns (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and membership attendance. County staff was introduced.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Sunshine Lake/Sunrise Waterway – Ms. Vernon stated the project is out to bid. There will be a pre-bid meeting on November 7, 2012 with the bid opening meeting on November 28, 2012. Ms. Vernon will send the time and location of the meeting to Ms. Harrison. Ms. Vernon answered several questions regarding the project. The sludge from the lake will be removed and put directly into sealed trucks. The contractor will try to remove as little water from the lake as possible to prevent lowering the level of water left in the lake. The project is anticipated to last approximately 90 days. Community Development will notify property owners when work is to begin. Further water testing has revealed the same results. Ms. Vernon has completed the application to SWFWMD. The bid is for the removal only; it does not include the recharge wells. New tests reveal any evidence of human fecal matter within the past 3 years and they have come back negative. Mr. Petron inquired about the smoke tests performed by CCU. Ms. Vernon will follow up and report back.
- Desoto Ditch – The report is back and consists of 64 pages. The Committee wants to make sure the public knows exactly what to expect from this project. There will be a letter with the right-of-entry form mailed to all property owners to obtain a 20 foot access of the greenbelt. Ms. Musselman will begin to contact property owners next week by making a door to door visit. Literature will be left for property owners that are not home. If consent isn't received from a property owner, the County is not allowed to go on their property; however they will be able to access the greenbelt. The application for the permit will be sent to SWFWMD via over-night mail tomorrow. The application is for the entire both sides of the canal. The permit is good for 5 years and will allow the other side to be addressed at a later date if the need arises. Community Development is hoping there will be enough funding available to complete the work on the entire west-side. The plan is to do as much work as possible up to March 1, 2013. That is the first day of Scrub Jay mating season from March 1, 2013 to July 1, 2013 and all construction must stop during that time period. There was discussion regarding an evening meeting to inform residents about the project and to provide an opportunity to get their questions and concerns answered. A meeting place, date and time will be announced at a later date. Any damage caused by contractors on private property will be repaired by the contractor. The property owner will be responsible for relocating anything they have planted or located within the greenbelt that they want to save. All items and plantings that are left in the greenbelt will be removed to allow the work to be done and will not be replaced.
- Gulf Course Drain Pipe – Ms. Harrison will follow up with Mr. Free to get more information regarding the relining of the pipe.

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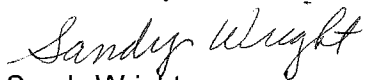
**New Business:**

- Budget – Ms. Harrison explained that next year is the beginning of a new 2 year budget cycle for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. Funding for all major projects must be identified in the budget. Changes will only be allowed for emergencies. The Committee agreed that the two major projects they have underway should take care of their budget for that time frame. The Desoto Ditch project is anticipated to run over 2 possibly 3 fiscal years. A draft budget must be submitted to Financial Services by the end of January.
- Detour Designs – Ms. Vernon stated the design for the Peachland detour is currently being worked on. All detours will be addressed on an individual basis.
- The Committee agreed they have done a good job of planning and funding major projects. They complimented County staff for all the help they have received from them.
- Topics for discussion at the next meeting:
  1. Annual vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Public Works Department